

Warden Message No. 93

Protests Wednesday, December 16, 2009

U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince issued the following Warden Message on December 16, 2009:

The U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince is issuing this Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens that protests are planned today for the following areas in Port-au-Prince:

- A protest is scheduled to commence in Bel Air at 10:00 a.m. The group is expected to march from Bel Air to the Conseil Electoral Provisoire (CEP) in Delmas.
- It is expected that Delmas will be blocked by police barricades below Delmas 40B, and above Delmas 33. American citizens are advised to modify their routes accordingly.
- In addition there is a possibility that groups will gather in the following areas:
 - Champs de Mars/National Palace
 - Aristide Foundation (Clercine)
 - Former Aristide Residence (Tabarre)
 - Foreign Missions (possibly including the U.S. Embassy)

American citizens are advised to avoid these areas and should monitor media coverage to stay abreast of the situation as it develops. Americans in Haiti are advised to remain alert and to avoid all demonstrations as they can result in violence and require police intervention. They should be aware of their surroundings at all times and are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy. They can do so at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs' website www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

For emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located at Boulevard du 15 Octobre, Tabarre 41, Tabarre, Haiti; telephone (509) 2-229-8000; after hours emergency telephone (509) 2-229-8000; ACS Unit fax (509) 2-229-8027; and e-mail at acspap@state.gov.